

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0979
Hoshall House
2323 White Hall Road
Vernon, Baltimore County
Ca. 1850
Private

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The two-and-a-half story Federal style Hoshall House sits on the south side of White Hall Road. Constructed of common bond brick, the dwelling features a side gabled asphalt-shingled roof and sits on a random rubble stone foundation. A three-bay wide, three-quarter width, one-story porch with chamfered wood post supports dominates the façade, which faces southeast. The central single-leaf wooden paneled door features an eight-light transom and three-light sidelights. The dwelling is pierced with original 6/6 wood windows with brick jack arch lintels, which are elongated on the first story. The building also features four interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps, a raking wood cornice with returns, gable peak 2/2 windows, and square-edged wood sills. A two-story brick gabled ell, detailed similarly to the main block, presents a flush wall plane on the northeast elevation. The southwest elevation reveals a gabled projecting half-story cellar entry on the main block and a non-historic wood frame addition adjacent to the main block and ell.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0979

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Hoshall House (preferred), Parish House

other

2. Location

street and number 2323 White Hall Road not for publication

city, town Vernon vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lawrence Brook Behner and Ann Dale Behner

street and number 2323 White Hall Road

telephone

city, town White Hall

state MD

zip code 21161-9717

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

tax map and parcel 18/15

city, town Towson

liber 13209 folio 30

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing
			Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1850, in the vernacular Federal style of architecture, the two-and-a-half story Hoshall House sits on the south side of White Hall Road. Constructed of common bond brick, the dwelling features a side gabled asphalt-shingled roof and sits on a random rubble stone foundation. A three-bay wide, three-quarter width, one-story porch with chamfered wood post supports dominates the façade, which faces southeast. The central single-leaf wooden paneled door features an eight-light transom and three-light sidelights. The dwelling is pierced with original 6/6 wood windows with brick jack arch lintels, which are elongated on the first story. The building also features four interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps, a raking wood cornice with returns, gable peak 2/2 windows, and square-edged wood sills. A two-story brick gabled ell, detailed similarly to the main block, presents a flush wall plane on the northeast elevation. The southwest elevation reveals a gabled projecting half-story cellar entry on the main block and a non-historic wood frame addition adjacent to the main block and ell. The addition is clad in vinyl siding, features a standing seam metal roof, 1/1-vinyl windows and an off-center single-leaf paneled with light door.

A circa 1890 tenant house is located on the property with an access drive from Vernon Road. The two-story vernacular frame building features aluminum cladding, a side-gabled asphalt-shingled roof, and a random rubble stone foundation. Symmetrically fenestrated, the building, which faces southeast, is pierced with 2/2 windows and features two single-leaf paneled wood façade entries with lights. The building also features a shed roofed full-width porch supported by replacement wood posts, two interior end brick chimneys, and a one-story rear elevation shed addition.

A circa 1850 icehouse is located just to the northwest of the main dwelling. It is constructed on a random rubble stone foundation and features an interior stone shaft reaching deep into the ground. The above-ground portion features a small half-story rebuilt circa 1930 shed. It features a corrugated metal roof, overhanging eaves, weatherboard cladding, and a single-leaf vertical board door.

A circa 1900 bank barn sits to the west of the dwelling. Constructed on a stone foundation, the wood-frame barn features asbestos-shingle cladding, a slate tile roof, a stone wall supported high drive, overhanging eaves, and sliding vertical board doors. Historic shed additions project from the front and rear elevations.

A circa 1920 wood frame tool shed sits on a poured concrete foundation. The one-story building features a front-gabled asphalt-shingled roof, single-leaf vertical board door, fixed six-light window and weatherboard cladding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1850 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The small village of Vernon, located at the crossroads of Vernon and White Hall Roads, near the first Mine Run, was located a mile from White Hall. The village, by 1878, boasted the Methodist Episcopal Church, this Baptist Church, a number of farms, and a school building which is no longer extant. The seventh district was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. Located near the Pennsylvania and Harford lines in the northeast part of Baltimore County, the area historically consisted of rolling hills, transversed by major transportation corridors. The cultivation of wheat, corn, oats, fruit, dairy, and the breeding of cattle supported the residents and neighboring town of White Hall, a major stops for the Northern Central Railway. The communities are located less than twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City. In 1881, the village of White Hall was home to approximately 100 people. Located in a prominent dairy farming region, it was one of the principal milk stations along the railway, shipping over 300 gallons of milk daily to Baltimore. On Gunpowder Falls, just above White Hall, was a manila paper mill owned and operated by A. J. Burke. The two villages, both of which were surrounded by rural agricultural farms devoted primarily to dairy production. The railroad and their close proximity to York Road, the major north-south transportation artery, rendered the small towns as centers of trade.¹

¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), pp. 872-874.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 85.75 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Norrisville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since the building's construction, circa 1850, the Hosnall House has been associated the property at 2323 White Hall Road as noted on Tax Map 18 and parcel 15 and recorded in Tax Record Liber 13209, folio 30.

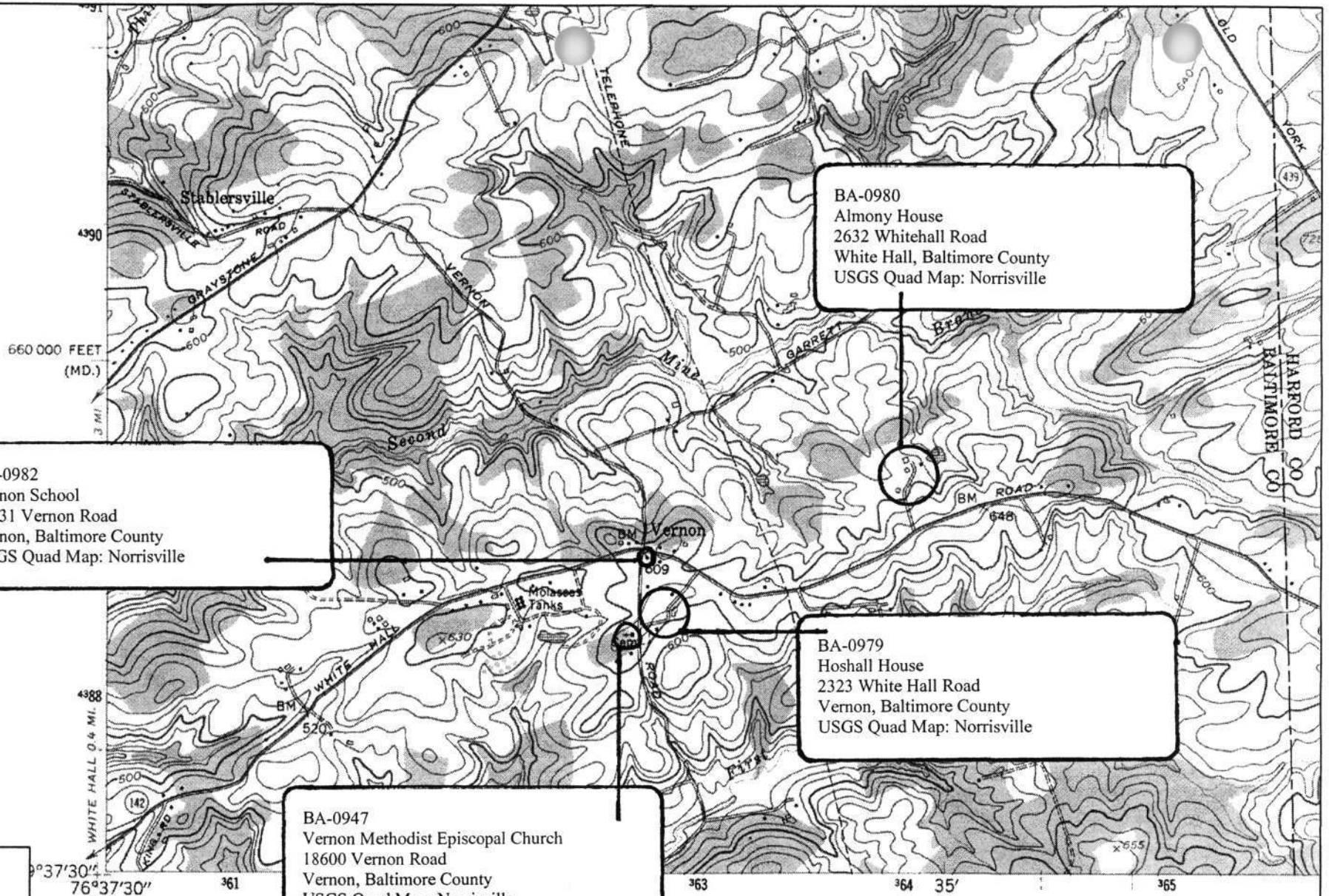
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18631 Vernon Road
Vernon, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Norrisville

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Almony House
2632 Whitehall Road
White Hall, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Norrisville

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Hoshall House
2323 White Hall Road
Vernon, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Norrisville

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Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church
18600 Vernon Road
Vernon, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Norrisville

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Baltimore County, MD

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House, east corner, view looking west

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House, Northwest elevation, view looking Southeast
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House, southwest elevation, view looking Northeast

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House, West corner & icehouse, view looking East

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Barn, view looking Southwest

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MD SHPO
Tenant House, view looking West

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C.F. HOSHALL HOUSE - 1850-1875 - South side of White Hall Road, Vernon vicinity. Brick house in vernacular style with gable roof. Built on stone foundation. In good condition, 1978. First shown in 1877 atlas as the Edward W. Parish residence, it appeared as Thomas Hoshall's in the 1915 Bromley atlas. A spacious, 2-story, 5-bay house set back from the road. Owner: Carroll F. Hoshall. Possibly pre-1850, although not on Sidney's map.